



BY THE MAYOR.



Hereas the right honourable the Lords of his Maesties most honourable priuy Councell, hauing taken care to reforme many abuses that haue of late crept into this City and places adioyning, as the excesseine number of Lauernes, and the exactions used in the immoderate prices of all sorts of prouisions in Ordinaries and Hosteries: and finding that the said abuse hath appeared in nothing more than in the excesseine rates of Poultry of all sorts, being so vnireasonably enhaunsed by Poulters and Higlers, that it is not onely an intollerable grievance to his Maesties Subiectz, but the inconuenience thereof doth also depeirly reflect upon his Maesties hou hold. Haue signified the expresse Command of his Maestey That the Lord Mayor and his brethen, the Aldermen, should enter into serious consideration of that particular grievance, as a thing altogether unsuffeable, and should set such prices as they should conceiue to be fit for all small Acates and other prouisions, and to set vp the same

in publicke Tables to the end that both Buyer and Seller may take notice thereof: and also should vary them from time to time as they shall finde just cause. In obedience Whereunto, the said Lord Mayor, by the aduise of the said Aldermen, for remedy and reformation thereof, hath, vpon mature deliberation, set such rates and prices as seeme meete and reasonable to be giuen and paid for all sorts of Poultry and other small Acates, to be sold within this City and Liberties thereof, and hath commanede the same rates to be published and set vp in Tables, to the end and intent that all and every person and persons may thereby haue cleare knowledge and understanding what the Poulters and all other person and persons ought lawfully to demand or take of them for their Poultry, vended as aforesaid. Streightly charging and commanding every of the said Poulters and others, as aforesaid, that they or any of them do not at any time or times hereafter demand, require or take any more or greater price for their said Poultry, than is assesseid and rated as aforesaid: And that no manner of person or persons doe in any wise pay more than after the same rates. And also, that every person do obey and keep as well the said prices, as all other prices that shall from time to time hereafter be set and appointed by the said Lord Mayor for any prouision of Uictuall whatsoeuer, vpon pain of such punishment to be inflicted vpon the Transgessors, as according to the lawes, and their deserts shall bee thought meete and requisite. Provided alwayes, that all manner of persons may from time to time buy Poultry at lesser and lower prices, as they can furnish themselves.

Giuen at the Guild-Hall the seventh day of Ianuary, Anno Dom. 1633.

God saue the King.

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